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SUBJECT: EXCHANGES: MARSHALL AND MARCIA BAKER

FOR SCIATT

1. NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES ASKED DEPT TO INFORM
SCIATT ABOUT CURRENT STATUS OF PROPOSED VISIT BY BAKERS
AS FOLLOWS:

MARSHALL AND MARCIA BAKER OF UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON,
SEATTLE, WERE PROPOSED FOR VISITS OF SEVEN MONTHS EACH
IN USSR IN HANDLER'S LETTER OF JUNE 4, 1973 TO KELDYSH.
MARSHALL REQUESTED PLACEMENT AT INSTITUTE OF THEORETICAL
AND EXPERIMENTAL PHYSICS (STATE COMMITTEE FOR ATOMIC
ENERGY) AND MARCIA REQUESTED PLACEMENT AT 1) INSTITUTE
OF PHYSICAL CHEMISTRY IM. KARPOV, 2) INSTITUTE OF
COMBUSTIBLE MINERALS, OR 3) INSTITUTE OF PHYSICS OF
ATMOSPHERE. BAKERS HAD HOPED TO ARRIVE ABOUT AUGUST 15
ACCOMPANIED BY THREE CHILDREN.

2. NAS RECEIVED CABLE FROM KORNEEV AUGUST 9 STATING THAT
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MARSHALL BAKER'S PLACEMENT HAD BEEN ARRANGED AT SCAE'S

INSTITUTE OF THEORETICAL AND EXPERIMENTAL PHYSICS BUT THAT SOVIETS UNABLE ARRANGE PLACEMENT FOR MRS. BAKER. ALTHOUGH PLEASED WITH PLACEMENT FOR MARSHALL, BAKERS VERY UPSET ABOUT SOVIET ACADEMY INABILITY ARRANGE PROGRAM FOR MRS. BAKER AND MIGHT NOT GO TO USSR UNLESS PROGRAM CAN BE ARRANGED FOR HER. IN LIGHT CURRENT STATE OF US-USSR RELATIONS AND ACCORDS REACHED DURING RECENT NAS DELEGATION VISIT, NAS BELIEVES THAT SOVIET ACTION INOPPORTUNE. MRS. BAKER INFORMS NAS THAT HER RESEARCH HIGHLY RELEVANT TO WHAT SOVIETS ARE DOING IN HER FIELD OF INTEREST AND THAT HER WORK LARGELY (90 PER CENT) BASED ON SOVIET WORK IN FIELD. SHE AND HER GROUP ARE INTERESTED IN STOCHASTIC MODEL OF AEROSOL TRANSPORT UNDER VARYING CLIMATIC CONDITIONS AND HAD HOPED TO OBTAIN BEGINNINGS OF PROFITABLE COLLABORATION WITH SOVIET COUNTERPARTS.

3. BAKERS STILL WANT VERY MUCH TO WORK OUT SOMETHING SO THAT THEY CAN TRAVEL TO USSR AND HAD PLANNED TO PLACE THEIR CHILDREN IN SOVIET SCHOOLS IN SEPTEMBER. REQUEST THAT SCIATT SEEK TO CLARIFY THROUGH KORNEEV'S OFFICE REASONS FOR SOVIET ACADEMY INABILITY ARRANGE PROGRAM FOR MRS. BAKER. SHE IS PREPARED TO REVISE RESEARCH PROPOSAL, IF NECESSARY, OR TO ACCEPT ALTERNATE PLACEMENT, IF POSSIBLE. SHE HAD PLANNED TO ATTEND 8TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON NUCLEATION BEING HELD IN LENINGRAD (SEPTEMBER 24 - 29) TO DELIVER PAPER BY GROUP SHE WORKS WITH AT UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON. NAS HOPES SCIATT CAN CLARIFY SITUATION AND OBTAIN REVERSAL OF CURRENT SOVIET POSITION ON MRS. BAKER. ROGERS

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